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## TELEGRAPHIC.

WINNIPEG, Feb. 2nd, 1882.

A meeting of the provisional directors of the Winnipeg & Hudson's Bay Railway Company was held at Ottawa to receive the report of the engineers and to open stock books. The report was satisfactory and all stock was taken in a few minutes.

The Manitoba Midland Railway Co. apply for a charter to build a road from some point on the Canada Pacific to the Saskatchewan and Peace Rivers.

Aquila Walsh has been appointed Dominion Land Commissioner. Salary \$5,000 per year, with headquarters in Winnipeg. He will have the settlement of disputed land claims.

The following Mounted Police appointments and promotions have been made:—Commissioner, Col. Irvine, vice McLeod, appointed stipendiary magistrate; Superintendents, Shurtleff, McIlree and McKenzie, vice Walker, Wyndham and Jarvis, respectively; Inspector, Perry and Provost, vice Shurtleff and McIlree; staff sergeant, Frank Norman; senior surgeon, Jukes, vice Kittsen.

At a general meeting of the stock holders of the Manitoba South-western Railway Co. the Schultz party endeavored to take forcible possession of the books and records, but were prevented by policemen who had been detailed to guard the office on behalf of the directors.

The Winnipeg & Western Transportation Co. will put a new steamer on Lake Winnipeg and one on the Saskatchewan next season.

The Ottawa city council has passed a resolution condemning the Syndicate's policy regarding the St. Lawrence & Ottawa Railway. Ex-Lieut.-Gov. Laird is at Ottawa.

BATTLEFORD, Feb. 3rd, 1882.

The curling match between the married men and young men of Prince Albert was won by the latter.

J. L. Reid, D.L.S., arrived from Edmonton on the 29th ult., bound east.

H. Reid, Indian agent, will leave in a few days to inspect the Ft. Pitt district.

Cattle and horses wintering out and doing well here.

Large quantities of flour are passing up to Edmonton.

Southern mail arrived on Saturday, 23rd Jan., and reports that a Stony Indian had been murdered by one Alexis Pelletier by the use of an axe.

The carrier reports that thirty police have been ordered from Fort Walsh to McLeod to quiet trouble there. Report says that the stockmen and settlers and Blackfeet have exchanged a few shots, and that the Blackfeet were cleaned out. No particulars as yet. Also that the Indians are congregating about Ft. Walsh and intend making a strike for grub or life.

McLeod, Indian agent for the McLeod district, has resigned.

Two bands of Indians are on the road from the south to take reserves in the Battle River district.

Small-pox is also reported to be in the south, and is raging in Dakota and Montana, and is reported to be very near the international boundary.

Weather fine, and wind south-west. Same snow as last week.

Mail for the west left yesterday. Also that for the east.

HUMBOLDT, 2nd Feb., 1882.

This week is very sad. Mr. Weldon left for Prince Albert on Tuesday with the remains of his only child, a daughter. Her death has cast a shadow over the hearth that can never be erased.

Weather for past week very fine.

FT. PELLY, 2nd Feb., 1882.

Weather still keeps cool, with abundance of snow. Thermometer registers about 25 below at night and ten above in the day.

A few deaths have occurred amongst the Indians this winter.

There is quite a little excitement among Indians just now. They say there is a cannibal amongst them who swears he is going to eat some one. No lives lost yet.

The detachment of police in charge of Sergt. Bliss broke the monotony of the thing last night by giving a dance in their quarters. Pleasant time. Visitors from ten to twenty-five miles' distance honored the occasion.

## LOCAL.

The Little Giant is again laid up for repairs. Mr. D. Ross began cutting his ice crop yesterday.

This school house has been banked with sawdust.

The Zero coal drift is being run in without timbers.

Mr. J. A. MacRAE, of the Indian office here, left for Victoria on Thursday.

Mr. J. STANTON has been engaged to assist next summer in erecting P. Pruden's grist mill at Lac la Biche.

The steamers to be put on the Saskatchewan next summer will not be fitted for burning coal. A great mistake.

The average temperature here for the past month was six degrees higher than that of Winnipeg during the same time.

Mr. GRAHAM left for Beaver Lake on Thursday last with a small trading outfit. If he likes the place he will settle there.

The game of football for the drinks last night, best two out of three, was won by J. Inkster's party over that of Colin Fraser. The game caused a good deal of dispute.

TWENTY-SEVEN bushels of lime were brought in from Lake Ste. Anne on Wednesday for the H.B.Co. The distance is about fifty miles. Although there are no quarries there the rolling stone is more plentiful and of better quality than here. There is a fortune for any man who will strike a good limestone quarry up the river.

A BOULDER which came down the river two years ago and now obstructs navigation in front of the new H.B.Co. steamboat warehouse is being blasted out under the superintendence of Mr. J. Favel, pilot. When this one is finished he will make an attack on some that obstruct navigation in the rapids at the mouth of Sucker Creek.

## METEOROLOGICAL.

Weather report for week ending Thursday evening, 2nd February, 1882. Reported for the BULLETIN by Mr. Geo. Slack Wood, observer at Edmonton.

	Max.	Min.
Friday,	— 5	— 39
Saturday,	13	— 25
Sunday,	37	6
Monday,	33	18
Tuesday,	26	9
Wednesday,	49	— 3
Thursday,	39	21

Average for January—

Maximum thermometer, 14.7.

Minimum " — 7.6.

The mark minus (—) signifies below zero.

Barometer rising.

Average weather for the week fair to cloudy and breezy. Highest wind during the week occurred Saturday noon, 29th, and Thursday night, recording thirteen miles an hour. Little snow fell Tuesday morning. Approximately estimated six inches of snow on the ground.

## TRADE.

Last season the H.B.Co. received by steamer at Ft. Edmonton, as trading supplies for this district alone, 572,236 pounds of freight. This included, in the way of agricultural implements and machinery, 1 ten horse-power threshing machine, 1 two horse-power threshing machine, 13 fanning mills, 8 reapers, 15 mowers, 14 horse-rakes, 15 breaking ploughs and 14 cross

ploughs. Besides this they supplied 25,000 pounds of bacon to the Indian Department, and have 50,000 pounds of flour to arrive this winter for their own trade.

A. Macdonald & Co. also supplied 25,000 pounds of bacon to the Indian Department, besides the amount of goods brought up for their own trade, mentioned in our last issue.

Total freight brought in for trade at this point during the past season, \$24,343 pounds, not including emigrants' outfits, Government freight, Roman Catholic Mission supplies, or supplies of traders and Mounted Police at Ft. Saskatchewan. And the freight bill, reckoning the steamboat freight at five cents and that brought by carts at nine, would amount to over \$50,000.

The totals of the different kinds of agricultural implements and machinery are as follows: 2 threshing machines, 13 fanning mills, 11 reapers, 24 mowers, 23 rakes, 56 plows and 6 iron harrows.

Of stoves the totals are: 8 coal and 23 wood stoves.

## DEATH.

WELDON—At Humboldt telegraph office last week, of diphtheria, Birdie, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Weldon, aged 4 years, five months and 15 days.

SAW MILL MACHINERY FOR SALE.—Complete except the rails. Terms half cash. F. SMITH.

GOLD RING LOST—On Saturday, Jan. 23th, somewhere between the steam mill and Brown's store, a lady's carved gold ring. The finder will receive a suitable reward on leaving it at the BULLETIN office.

BALL AND SUPPER.—In McDougall's Hall on Friday evening, Feb. 17th. Dancing to commence at 8 o'clock. Tickets \$2.00, which will entitle the holder to one throw in a raffle for a double barreled rifle and shot gun combined. Value, \$50. The gun can be seen and examined at Frank Oliver's store.

R. McKERNAN.

NOTICE.—Persons having any claims against the estate of George Verrey, surgeon, deceased, are requested to forward their accounts to the undersigned. Persons indebted to the same estate are asked to kindly settle their accounts at an early date.

Jan. 12th, 1882.

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## THE LAND QUESTION.

The following is a copy of resolutions passed at a largely attended public meeting held at Prince Albert, N.W.T., Oct. 8th, 1881:

1. Whereas, land was reserved for railway purposes only as late as May, 1881, and previous to that date many bona fide settlers in the district of Lorne, N.W.T., had performed homestead duties on odd-numbered sections; resolved, that the Right Honorable the Minister of the Interior be requested to grant homestead patents to such settlers.

2. Whereas, the price of land for pre-emption and purchase was largely increased in May, 1881, and many persons had settled in the district of Lorne, N.W.T., previous to that date; Resolved, that the Right Honorable the Minister of the Interior be requested to grant to such settlers their land at a price in accordance with the Order-in-Council existing at the time of settlement.

3. Whereas, previous to the survey of this section of the country many land claims were taken up, occupied and improved by bona fide settlers, and on the survey being made found themselves on Hudson's Bay Company's and school lands; Resolved, that the Right Honorable the Minister of the Interior be requested to secure such occupants in their holding.

4. Whereas, many persons have been settled on land in this district for three years and more and have performed the homestead duties required by law, and many persons have bought land from such settlers, depending on the good faith of the Government for security in their holding; Resolved, that the Right Honorable the Minister of the Interior be requested to grant patents to such persons with as little delay as possible.

5. Whereas, the Indian title in this Territory has not become extinct, and the old settlers and half-breed population of Manitoba were granted scrip in commutation of such title, and such allowance has not been made to those resident in the Territory; Resolved, that the Right Honorable the Minister of the Interior be requested to grant such scrip to those settlers, thus placing them on an equal footing with their confreres in Manitoba.

6. Resolved, that no land entries be made unless they are accepted in accordance with the Order-in-Council existing at the time such lands were taken up.

7. Resolved, that the honorable the member for the district of Lorne be requested to present a copy of the above resolutions to the Right Honorable the Minister of the Interior and to obtain a reply.

THOS. MCKAY,  
Chairman.

The corner lot fever is fast reaching a crisis in Winnipeg. Strangers are said to be making fortunes. We fear that when the time of losing comes the strangers will have their full share.—Witness.

The British Government balloon in charge of Captain Templar, accompanied by Mr. W. Powell, M.P., and Mr. Gardner, ascended at Bath recently, and descended at Bridgeport. The balloon struck the ground heavily. Templar and Gardner were thrown out and injured. The balloon rose with Mr. Powell and was seen to descend at sea. Nothing since has been heard of the balloon or Mr. Powell.

The total value of lumber exported from Ottawa to the United States during the eleven months ended November 30 was \$2,069,159, being \$87,602 more than during the same period last year. The quantity shipped was considerably less than last year, owing to the scarcity of saw logs on account of lowness of water in the Ottawa, but the increase in value is owing to the enhanced price at which this season's cut was contracted for.

It is said that a new through connection has been made between Montreal and Chicago and Manitoba, and that freight is already beginning to rush. The route mapped out is as follows: From Montreal to Ottawa, Q.M., O. & O. Railway; from Ottawa to Brockville, C.P.R.; from Brockville to Utica, ferry transfer and Utica and Black River; from Utica to Suspension Bridge, New York Central, Canada Southern to Amherstburg and Lake Shore to Chicago; from Chicago the Manitoba connection will be made over the St. Paul, Minneapolis & Manitoba.

## GENERAL NEWS.

TUPPER is to be Minister of the Interior.

SANDFORD FLEMING is now one of the directors of the H.B.Co.

THE Winnipeg telegraph office is now in the Merchants Bank building.

By the burning of the Ring Theatre in Vienna 1,000 lives were lost.

WORK will be re-commenced very soon on the DeLesseps Panama Canal.

THE shares of the new North-West Land Corporation are going off well.

SEVENTY-FIVE miles of the Manitoba South-western have been put under contract.

A REGIMENT of British troops will be stationed at Victoria, Vancouver Island, next summer.

THE Herald says that the Indians on the reserves near Battleford are attacked with the mangle.

THE C.P.R.Co. has agreed to build a branch of 15 miles from the South-western branch to Emerson.

THE Portage, Westbourne & North-western Railway has received a bonus of 6,400 acres of land per mile.

MR. DEWDNEY will receive a salary of \$5,200 a year, while Governor of the North-West, over all expenses.

BRITISH cable advices say Canadian purchases for the spring trade have been unusually large this year.

LORD LORNE was to start for Canada on the 11th of January. The Princess was not to have accompanied him.

THE Duluth & Winnipeg Railroad is expected to be at the Mississippi River, 75 miles from Duluth, by the first of April.

Six engines of the St. Paul, Minneapolis & Manitoba road and two of the Northern Pacific were burned in a round house at St. Paul on the 20th of December.

A NITRO glycerine explosion on section 15, C.P.R., lately, two miles east of Eagle Lake, caused the death of the foreman, Duncan McMillan, and one Wm. Carroll.

It seems from the Herald that the Indian Farm Instructor at Eagle Hills is about to leave the Government employ rather than be removed to Edmonton. Rather rough on us.

It is now certain that a grist mill will be erected in Battleford during the present year. With only 7,000 bushels of grain in the settlement it is hard to see what the mill will find to do.

A LINE of steamships is to be organized to run from New York to Milford Haven in Wales, which are to carry nothing but first-class passengers and make the trip in less than a week.

In the Western Islands and on the west coast of Inverness, Ross and Sutherland over three hundred fishing boats have been destroyed by the late gales and the nets of the fishermen washed away.

At the Dominion Lands office at Olanah, during the year ending 31st October, 61,162 acres of land were disposed of as homesteads, 37,492 as pre-emptions, and 29,261 by sale, making a total of 127,916 acres.

In November last four men with a wagon, en route for Arkansas, camped three miles west of Aberdeen, Miss. On Sunday evening they were found lying on mattresses dead and covered with quilts, each with his head split open as with an axe. There is no evidence of robbery.

ANOTHER secret printing office has been discovered in St. Petersburg, with a quantity of proclamations, in which the authors ask pardon of the nation for what they are about to do, as it is for the benefit of all. They announce they must make a supreme effort. This, they say, will be the finishing stroke.

PROF. MACOUN, in a lecture delivered recently in Ottawa, tells of a fowl inhabiting the North-West called the "grebe." From the description we should judge that he means the mud hen. He also alludes to the "Shell River," popularly known as the "h-l diver." He also says there are no black ducks in the North-West. We beg to assure him that there are lots of them.

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## LOCAL.

**SLEIGHING** good.

**DANCES** appear to be at a discount.

**THREE** births on Monday night last in this neighborhood.

A **LARGE** amount of express matter is expected up by next mail.

Nor a single horse race this winter. What is the country coming to?

A **GANG** of men is at work on the foundation of the H.B.Co.'s steamboat warehouse.

**FOOT-BALL** every evening now while there is good moonlight and the weather is fine. Lots of fun.

Mr. J. WEBSTER left here for Winnipeg on Wednesday last. He was joined at Ft. Saskatchewan by Messrs. Fairbanks and Stewart.

**SCHOOL** was commenced in Mr. J. Kirkness' house, in the Rat Creek settlement, on Monday last, with an attendance of thirteen. Mr. J. Murphy, teacher.

It is reported that the R.C. Mission have been offered \$3,000 for their half interest in the Sturgeon River Mill. They ask \$5,000. The original cost of the mill was \$1,200.

**THERE** will be no service in McDougall's Hall to-morrow morning on account of the absence of the pastor, Rev. Mr. Baird, on his monthly visit to Ft. Saskatchewan. Evening service as usual.

**SAW** will commence sawing shingles at the Egg Lake pines next week. By the direct road, by Turnip Lake, Cust's farm and Adams' place on the Sturgeon River, the distance from Edmonton is only 16 miles.

REV. CANON NEWTON still continues his Sunday evening lectures at All Saint's Church. The subject for next Sunday is—"Is it possible for departed spirits ever to visit this world?" Service at half-past six.

MR. R. S. MCGINN, H.B.Co. land agent, left here for Prince Albert on Wednesday last to attend to land matters in that locality. After a short stay there he will start for Winnipeg in time to catch the next eastward bound mail at the South Branch, and will proceed in company with it to Brandon.

Messrs. Smith and Osborne have formed a partnership for the purpose of washing gold on the river next summer. Mr. Smith furnishes the steam power and Mr. Osborne the balance of the machinery. Mr. Osborne, who was in the business last summer, but with inadequate machinery, expresses every confidence in the present scheme. The engine is a 16 horse-power portable, Waterloo make, and will be rigged to assist in propelling up stream the barges carrying the outfit.

## THE BOOM.

While Winnipeg, in common with other Manitoba towns, has been enjoying an unprecedented boom in real estate, and prices have been soaring in the skies, Edmonton has been modestly following suit. Last summer's emigration made the commencement of a town imperative, and as the vicinity of the H.B.Co. Fort had been from time immemorial the business centre of the Upper Saskatchewan country that locality was, of course, selected as the site. But as the H.B.Co. have a reserve of 3,000 acres around the Fort, which was not then open for sale, the adjacent claims were taken, and lots 50x100, purchased from the original settlers, went as high as \$50, although not a line was surveyed or the remotest prospect of a deed ever being given or received was in view. Notwithstanding this about \$5,000 worth of buildings were erected in the fall. But as the original settlers held no titles they were afraid to sell lest their rights to the balance of their claims should be prejudiced and buyers were, of course, afraid to invest in more than they actually needed for present use.

This was the state of affairs when the sale of lots on the H.B.Co. property was opened. The survey had been made—just finished—the location suited, the site was high and dry, a title could be got without any difficulty, the price was low and the terms easy. The consequence was the moment the sale opened there was a rush for lots that would have surprised even a Winnipeg auctioneer, and in three or four days \$12,000 worth, or about 400 lots, were sold subject to building conditions. The sale was then closed, from what reason can only be surmised, but the general

impression is that the lots were going faster than had been calculated on. The matter did not create any great excitement, and when the first payment was in order the greater part of the buyers toed the mark, and a good many paid down the full price of the lots. Those who purchased generally did so with the intention of using the lots or perhaps selling a part of them, and but comparatively few were bought purely for speculation. During the time this was going on the telegraph line was down between this place and Winnipeg, but when at last the wires went up messages came thick and fast—"Could you secure me a few H.B.Co. lots?" But the sale had closed, and the only way to get lots was to purchase at an advance from the first buyers. A few—a very few—weak-kneed ones sold at five or ten dollars advance and there the business stuck. Two or three full blown real estate agents attacked unfortunate holders but did very little business under fifty dollars advance, and since then each day lots have taken a higher flight, as orders come thicker and holders become fewer and firmer. The highest price paid yet is \$175 for a corner lot near the market square allowance—not a bad profit on an investment of \$17 three months before. The principal rise has been in Main street lots, as they were all bought up in the first few days of the sale, but residence lots follow reasonably close behind them. What has caused the excitement in the east is what folks here want to know. Those on the ground can see the natural advantages of the place, but how the people in Toronto and Winnipeg can do so they cannot see. One good point in the affair is that most of those who have sent to purchase lots have declared their intention of building on and improving them. If this intention is carried out we will see a boom indeed here next summer.

There is a possibility—which those who have sold do like to contemplate—that the Syndicate have decided to build the C.P.R. via Edmonton, crossing the river here, and uniting with the H.B.Co. in building upon their property the metropolis of this Far North-West. If this surmise should prove correct, and it is at least reasonable, all the booms that have taken place yet in Manitoba or elsewhere will be as nothing compared to that which the tumble-down wooden walls of Fort Edmonton will see during the next year or two.

A PARIS, Ontario, maker has a contract to furnish 600 wagons for the Winnipeg market next spring. It is to be hoped that they will be of a better quality than those generally sent to that place from Ontario since the N. P. came into force.

A COMPANY is to be chartered in Winnipeg with a capital of \$150,000, to light the cities, towns and villages of Manitoba with electricity.

The capital stock of the Free Press Printing Co. is to be \$100,000. Hon. D. A. Smith's name does not appear on the list of directors.

THE C.P.R.Co. did 217 miles of grading on the main line last season and 30 miles on the South-western branch. Total, 305 miles.

The right of way on the Duluth & Winnipeg Railway, between Duluth and Crookston, is being cut out this winter.

In October last the savings bank branch of the post office department had nearly \$7,000,000 on deposit.

It is likely that Sir John A. Macdonald will run for a Toronto constituency at the next election.

The rate of freight on wheat between St. Paul and Liverpool last fall was 11 1-2 cents a bushel.

JUSTICE ROBERTSON, of Victoria, B.C., is dead.

GLADSTONE has a special guard of police.

## BIRTHS.

WALKER—On Monday night last, the wife of Mr. Wm. Walker, Edmonton, of a son.

ROWLAND—On Monday night last, the wife of Mr. Alex. Rowland, of a daughter.

STEELE—On Monday night last, the wife of Mr. Godfrey Steele, Crooked Creek, near Edmonton, of a daughter.

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### CANADA VS. NORTH-WEST.

That the people of the North-West may make no mistake as to the intentions of the Dominion Government towards them in the matter of the land, we publish the following extract from a speech lately delivered in Toronto by the Minister of the Interior, who is also leader of the Government. He said, after telling how colonization societies were to be assisted:

"Then, gentlemen, we are going to sell certain portions of the land and fund the proceeds, and out of these proceeds we are going to pay the interest, and ultimately the principal, of every dollar the Dominion of Canada has expended or will expend in building the railway and developing the country." (Loud cheers.)

That is to say, after the H.B.Co., the school funds, the railroad companies, the thousand and one colonization societies, the ranchmen, the religious institutions, and the grand army of speculators generally get their respective slices of the country the settlers on the paltry balance will have to shoulder the burden of building the C.P.R., not only through the North-West but also through British Columbia, Manitoba and Ontario, and return every dollar that the older Provinces have spent in developing (?) the country. Besides this they have to pay their share, and more than their share, towards the ordinary revenue. They must be fleeced that Ontario manufacturers of agricultural implements and machinery may increase their trade. They must pay exorbitant timber and coal taxes directly into the Dominion treasury, and after all they must not presume to take their land until all the syndicates, companies, rings and individual land sharks have had their pick, or in other words, until the Government has been pleased to do the surveys; or, if they have taken it, must step down and out at the mere pleasure of each, any and all of the institutions or individuals named, even supposing the Government does not want the land for a town site or for any other purpose. This is the policy the propounding of which is greeted with "loud cheers."

Does any sane man suppose that such a policy can be carried out? Does any one suppose that the settlers of the North-West will submit to be treated as though they belonged to a lately conquered country and had to pay a war indemnity, instead of being citizens of an integral part of the Dominion? This may or may not be a grand and worthy plan of "developing" the country; but it is certainly a plan that will develop an everlasting hostility to the older Provinces of the Dominion, the people of which greet such a policy with cheers.

Why should the settler here have to pay more than his share towards the building of

the railway? Does not the road, for the greater part of its length, run through the Provinces? Can not the North-West do all its trade equally as well without the British Columbia and Ontario sections being built? These sections are built that the Provinces may benefit by the trade of the Territories; then why should they not pay for the building of them?

Because a proposition has been made that the Syndicate be given the timber for twenty miles on each side of the line where it runs through the disputed territory north of Ontario, that Province is excited beyond measure, and because two or three of the railroads within its boundaries have amalgamated it is convulsed and the papers one and all shriek "down with monopoly." But when the same Syndicate receive a grant of land, timber and minerals throughout the whole length of the Territories and the same amalgamation is guaranteed a monopoly of the traffic of the Territories for twenty years, because such conditions are necessary for the construction of the railway through their own Province, the announcement of the policy is greeted with cheers.

Such a policy can not last long. The tendency of it will be to retard settlement. It is an impossibility that the land can be held for speculation and developed by settlers at the same time. It cannot be given over to railroad companies and still make a return of capital to the Government. Ranchmen and farmers can not occupy it at the same time. And if a return is not made on the capital invested and the country settled as well, then the policy is a failure and must be altered either by its makers or by others for them. But if by any means the country is settled to anything like the extent that its size and resources will admit, it will become impossible to tax the population to the amount proposed, for they will hold as great a majority over the other Provinces of the Dominion as those Provinces do over them now. When that time comes let the railroad companies and land sharks generally look out, and, in the meantime, calculate at what point the "loud cheers" will come in. Let them and all the older Provinces remember the saying—"In what measure ye mete it shall be measured to you again."

### A NEW SYNDICATE.

When the Syndicate bill was before Parliament last session a second syndicate was formed, composed wholly of Canadians, who offered to do all, and more than all the present syndicate offered, for \$3,000,000 less money and 3,000,000 acres less land, besides waiving all claims to a monopoly of the carrying trade, and in evidence of ability deposited a million and a half of dollars with the Government. It did not receive a very strong support, partly because the demands were still thought to be too great, and partly because it was thought to be a political dodge of the Opposition. But now Sir Hugh Allan, the wealthiest man in Canada, comes forward, backed by British capitalists, and offers to build a competing line to that of the Syndicate from Ocean to Ocean without bonus. This cannot be said to be a political dodge, neither can it be asserted that wealth or ability are wanting to carry the scheme out. In the face of this, what excuse can be given for the existence of the Syndicate or for the action of the Government in dealing with them as they have done? As Sir Hugh Allan once upheld the present Government to forward his railway schemes, so he may yet overthrow them when they are in his way. That he may do so, and that they and their Syndicate may go down together in one

everlasting smash, is a consummation devoutly to be wished.

High Bluff village, Manitoba, is being removed from its old site to a station of the same name on the Air Line.

The customs receipts at Winnipeg for November last were \$60,983.

The Winnipeg Monetary Times fills up its space with cookery receipts. The connection between commerce and cookery is not apparent to the naked eye.

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